

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 253

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize Kay Senter upon her receipt of the Good Scout Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Kay Senter, who will be honored on March 23, 2017, with the Good Scout Award for her outstanding service and leadership in Hamblen County; and

WHEREAS, the award is presented by the Great Smoky Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America, which has provided youth guidance in character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness for more than 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Senter earned her bachelor's degree from Emory & Henry College and her master's degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; she completed forty-five graduate hours beyond her master's degree; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Kay Senter was elected to the Morristown City Council to represent District 3; she currently serves as vice mayor and chairs the finance committee; and

WHEREAS, Kay Senter was an English teacher at Morristown-Hamblen East High School for thirty-eight years and was named Hamblen County Teacher of the Year in 2004; a leader among her peers, she became a Career Ladder II Teacher, a position she enjoyed until her retirement from teaching in 2011; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Kay Senter serves on several local boards, including those of the Morristown-Hamblen Covenant Hospital, Crockett Tavern Museum, and Morristown Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, a past president of the Tennessee Municipal League (TML), Ms. Senter currently serves on the TML bond fund and risk management boards; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Senter represents Tennessee on the National League of Cities (NLC) Public Safety Federal Advocacy Committee; she is a past president of the NLC Women in Municipal Government organization, and she currently serves on the board; and

WHEREAS, she also serves as a member of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; PEO; Hamblen County P-16 Council; the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce; Girls, Inc., 100 Club; and Daughters of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, a community leader whose opinion is highly valued, Ms. Senter serves locally as president of the Boys & Girls Club, treasurer of the 911 board, president of General Federated Women's Club Somo Sala Circle, secretary of the Senior Citizens Center, a finance committee member of the First United Methodist Church, and secretary of East Tennessee Quality Growth; and

WHEREAS, often duly honored for her leadership and accomplishments, Ms. Senter has been named a Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow and a First Lady of Morristown, and she has been inducted into the Bob Harbison Hall of Honor, Hamblen Women's Hall of Fame, and Hurricane Alumni Hall of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Dr. John and Betty Kinser, Ms. Senter was married to the late Jim Senter, with whom she had one son, Jimmy; Jimmy and his wife, Brooke, are the proud parents of Ms. Senter's grandchildren, Grant and Julianna; and

WHEREAS, Kay Senter epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Senter for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we congratulate Kay Senter upon her receipt of the Good Scout Award, thank her for her meritorious service to Hamblen County and the State of Tennessee, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.